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The Garden in Winter

By Joy Sand

The beauty and lessons of the garden are ephemeral. Because the beauty does not last, it must be enjoyed in the moment. The petals of the cherry, crab or magnolia trees are gorgeous. But in a matter of days, they will fade, fall, and turn brown.

No matter how much the gardener might love to seal the blossoms to the trees, it won't happen. The point is to enjoy, revel in, treasure the beauty, texture, and fragrance of the blooms at their peak. And then watch them fall like snow and cover the ground like a benediction.

The impact of the garden is in the influence it has on our senses. We enjoy the blossoms in their prime as they fill our senses in the moment. Then, when they are spent and exhausted, their essence returns to the soil to become fuel for the next season. So, gardeners, stop and smell the blossoms in their moment. Appreciate all of their gifts. Then recall their splendor in the bleak midwinter.

Garden on.... Joy

Our December meeting will held on Wednesday, December 12th at the Chiltonville Church. It will be a Holiday buffet luncheon. Social time will begin at 11:15 am and the lunch will be served at noon. Seventy one members have paid to attend along with several invited guests.

December Holiday Luncheon: Co-chairs Suzanne Carchedi and Cheryl Larsen with Karen Baker have the food ordered and other supplies in hand to allow us to enjoy a delightful Holiday Luncheon. Other Members of the committee are Jane Bishop, Maureen Breckenridge, Judy Fosdick, Ellin Murphy, Donna Olsson and Debbie Wells. Members are reminded to bring cookies or a dessert to share, if you are able. Kevinette Considine will do our invocation and Crystal will provide the background music. Many thanks to the committee who have worked so hard to make this seasonal celebration happen.

Ways and Means: There will not be a Raffle or Ways and Means table at this meeting. However, some of the seasonal arrangements and outdoor wooden boxes (suitable for graveside or porch) that remained at the end of the Greens Sale will be available for purchase.

Junior Gardeners Environmental Program: We have been welcomed back to present this environmental education program to all the third grade classes again this year. However we need more volunteers to be able to present it in March and April. Please call or email Geri Williams (508-833-4355 or geri3williams@comcast.net) for more information or to volunteer. Geri has scheduled a **meeting** in the Boardroom of the Library on **Dec. 15th from 10am - noon** to train new volunteers, refresh others, and select the dates for the classroom visits.

Greens Sale: Thank you to all who helped make this fundraiser a great success. The rough numbers from our treasurer, Cynthia, are that we took in over \$5476 on Friday and Saturday, before expenses of approximately \$1500. The Bake Table raised \$468 Thank you to all who baked. A big thank you to Linda O'Neill and Geri Williams who organized the greens portion and Becky Freer Freedman and Janet Voyer who organized the Baked Goods as well as all the members who volunteered to fill the wooden boxes, create fresh arrangements and decorate wreaths. We purchased 35 wreaths which were decorated on Thursday, but by Friday afternoon they were nearly all sold, so we purchased and decorated another 6 wreaths, which were all sold before noon on Saturday. We sold at least 25 swags and 45 wooden boxes. Judy MacDonald and Geri made quite a few fresh arrangements at home and joined other members making them on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. They were all beautiful!. The Fehlow room looked and smelled wonderful!

Joy is what happens to us when we allow ourselves to recognize how good things really are.

Marianne Williamson

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2025 – 2026
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Greens Sale Signs: If you have a Greens sale sign, please bring it to the Holiday Luncheon on Wednesday. If you cannot attend, call Marcia Sykes, publicity chair, (508-746-9007) to arrange pick up

Address Update: Nancy Stetson-Stuart's address in your yearbook should be changed to 57 Forest Edge. If you have a change in address, phone number or email address, please notify Sharon Ferraguto (beachrose22@yahoo.com) so she can update our files. She will make sure the update gets in the newsletter.

In case of inclement weather: An email will be sent to all members when a meeting needs to be canceled due to treacherous weather conditions and/or Plymouth Public Schools are closed.

Linda Berthold: Long time member Linda just had successful knee replacement surgery, cards and email notes would appreciate.

Help Send Thoughts to Members: If you hear about a member to whom we should send a get well or sympathy card, please notify Ellie Gilbert at 508-732-0410 or coastalgardenerma@gmail.com

